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Applicant : Yoshiharu Hirakata, et al. Art Unit : 2871  
Serial No. : 08/811,152 Examiner : T. Chowdhury  
Filed : March 4, 1997  
Title : LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE WITH A COMMON  
ELECTRODE FORM FROM A BLACK MATRIX

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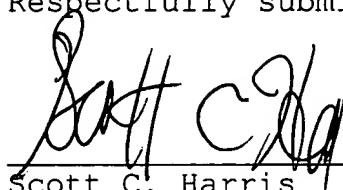
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